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Federal Communications Commission
Wireline Competition Bureau—CPD—214 Applications
445 12th St. S.W.
Room 5-A225
Washington, D.C. 20554



WC 07-92

RE: RNK Inc. d/b/a RNK Telecom, Section 63.71 Application to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find an original and four (4) copies of a Section 63.71 Application to Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services ("Application") of RNK Inc. d/b/a RNK Telecom ("RNK). RNK seeks to discontinue certain local exchange services to residential and small business customers in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Included with the Application is a Certificate of Service affirming that in accordance with 47 C.F.R. 63.71, RNK has provided notice of the planned discontinuance of service that is the subject of the Application to affected customers and the parties specified in 47 C.F.R. 63.71.

A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed to be stamped upon receipt and returned using the postage-paid envelope provided.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (781) 613-6148, or Douglas S. Denny-Brown, RNK's General Counsel/V.P. Regulatory Affairs, at (781) 613-6103.

Sincerely,

Matthew T. Kinney

Sr. Regulatory Analyst

Enclosures

Cc: Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission

BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C.

in the Matter of)		
RNK Inc.)	WC Docket No. 07	
Section 63.71 Application to Discontinue Certain Domestic Telecommunications)		
Services)		

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

RNK Inc., d/b/a RNK Communications (hereinafter "RNK'), in accordance with Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's "Commission" rules, hereby requests authority to discontinue the provision of certain domestic telecommunications services in the state of Massachusetts. In particular, RNK proposes to discontinue provision of residential and small business resold local exchange services. RNK will continue to provide facilities-based and large business resold local exchange services in the state along with its interexchange services. RNK's operations in other states are unaffected.

In support of this application, RNK submits the following, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §63.71(b):

1. The Applicant's name and address are:

RNK Inc. 333 Elm St. Suite 310 Dedham, MA 02026

- 2. The date of the planned service discontinuation is May 7, 2007, or as soon thereafter as necessarily regulatory approvals can be obtained!
- 3. The geographic area of service affected is the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 4. RNK currently provides service to approximately I19 residential and small business customers in Massachusetts, who would be affected by the proposed discontinuance. RNK provides these services as a reseller via the underlying network of the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier ("ILEC"), Verizon New England, Inc. ("Verizon"). Accordingly, RNK does not have any carrier of last resort obligations with respect to these customers.
- 5. The discontinuance of service proposed in this Application is limited to RNK's stagnant, yet small, line of business that is no longer the principal focus of its larger business objectives. RNK will still focus on its provision of resold and facilities-based local exchange services to high-volume business customers, as well as its substantial retail and wholesale interconnected VoIP service customer bases. In addition, RNK is maintaining its long-standing pre-paid and post-paid calling card and wholesale services business lines. It is no longer economically viable for it to serve the residential and small business retail local exchange markets, because of shrinking profitability and higher costs of administration.
- 6. RNK initially sent notification, pursuant to its Mass Migration Plan, to affected customers via first class U.S. Mail on March 5 and March 6, 2007. RNK is, in

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¹ The planned service discontinuance is the subject niatter of a Mass Migration/Exit Plan filed with the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy on February 2, 2007. The timeline proposed herein is consistent with the Departments Mass Migration Guidelines, adopted by the Department in DTE 02-28 (August 7, 2002)

- accordance with the Massachusetts Guidelines, again notifying these customers on April 5, 2007. A copy of the April 5, 2007 notice is attached as Exhibit A
- 7. In accordance with 47 C.F.R. §63.71(a), a copy of this application is being sent to the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense via first class U.S. mail, postmarked April 13,2007. A certificate of service pertaining to the aforementioned customer notices and the copies of this application to the aforementioned parties is enclosed as **Exhibit B**.
- 8. RNK is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued
- 9. Correspondence and communications regarding this Application should be directed to Applicant's attorney:

Douglas S. Denny-Brown General Counsel/V.P., Regulatory Affairs 333 Elm St., Suite 310 Dedham, MA 02026 781-613-6103 (voice) 781-297-9836 (fax) dougdb@rnkcom.com

WHEREFORE, RNK Inc., for the reasons contained herein, believes that the proposed discontinuance of services is reasonable and necessary, and respectfully requests that the Commission grant RNK the authority to discontinue the provision of certain domestic telecommunications services in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted, this 13th day of April 2007.

RNK, Inc

Douglas S. Denny-Brown General Counsel / V.P. Regulatory Affairs

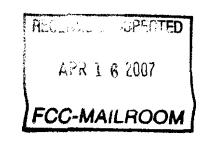
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Tel.: (781) 613-6103

Its Attorney





April 5, 2007

Customer Address

Re: FINAL NOTICE: YOUMUST CHOOSEA NEW LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDER BY APRIL 25,2007

Dear Valued Customer:

We regret to inform you that as of May 7,2007, RNK Inc. d/b/a RNK Communications f/k/a RNK Telecom ("RNK") is exiting the residential and small business local exchange business to concentrate on other lines of business. This change is due primarily to the ever changing and evolving telecommunications market, which now includes numerous options for local service, including RNK's own Voice over Internet Protocol or "broadband" phone service. This decision does not affect any other services provided by RNK, such as RNK's own IntraLATA toll or long distance services, or pre-paid calling cards.

Your action is required! You must select a new local telephone provider as quickly as possible, but no later than April 25,2007, or you may lose your local telephone service.

Generally, you can find a list of most local telephone service providers in your local telephone directory. If you require assistance, please contact RNK at 1-877-323-2486.

After selecting a new local telephone provider, you should also contact your current intra-LATA toll (in-state toll) provider and your long-distance (out-of-state long distance) provider to ensure that neither your current intra-LATA toll calling plan nor your long-distance calling plan is changed as the result of your change in local service. If you do not confirm with your new local telephone provider that your current intra-LATA and long distance providers and calling plans remain in place after you transfer your local service to that provider, you may be charged basic rates (non-calling plan rates) for intra-LATA and long-distance calls.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should tile your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20054, and include in your comments a reference to the § 63.71 Application of RNK, Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed

discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

RNK thanks you for being our valued customer, has enjoyed being your local service provider, and regrets any inconvenience this change may cause you.

Sincerely,

RNK Customer Service

EXHIBIT B

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 13th day of April, 2007, in accordance with 4.7 C.F.R. 63.71, RNK Inc. d/b/a RNK Telecom ("RNK") has served notice of its planned discontinuance of local exchange services to residential and small business customers in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and has served a copy of its application to the Federal Communications Commission pertaining to same on the following parties:

Hon. Deval Patrick Office of the Governor **State** House Boston, MA 02133

Secretary of Defense ATTN: Special Assistant for Tel mmunications The Pentagon Washington, DC 20301

Mary Cottrell, Secretary
Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable
One South Station – 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 021 10-2212

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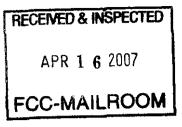
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